Ah met how glad and gay we were, Youth's sap in all our veins astir, When long ago with spirits high, A happy careless company. We started forth, when every thing Worethe green glory of the spring, And all the fair wide world was ours To gather as we would its flowers!

Then life almost eternal seemed, And death a dream so vaguely dreame. That in the distance searce it threw A cloud-shade on the mountains blue, That rose before us soft and fair, Clothed in ideal hues of air, To which we meant in after-time, Strong in our manhood's strength, to

How all has changed! Years have gone by, and of that joyous company With whom our youth first journeyed on, Who—who are left? Alas, not one! Love earliest loitered on the way, Then turned his face and slipped away; And after him with footsteps light. The fickie Graces took their flight, And all the carcless joys that lent Their revelry and merriment Grew silenter, and, ere we knew, Had smiled their last and sad "adieu."

Hope faltering then with doubtful mind Began to turn and look behind,
And we, half questioning, were fain To follow with her back again,
But fate still urged us on our way And would not let us pause or stay. Then to our side with plaintive eye, In place of Hope came Memory, And murmured of the past and told Dear stories of the days of old, Until its very dross secaned gold, And Friendship took the place of Love, And strove in vain to us to prove That Love was light and insincere—Not worth a man's regretful tear.

Ah! s!! in vain—grant 'twas a cheat, t no voice ever was so sweet— So presence like to Love's who threw Enchantment over all we knew; And still we listen with a sigh, And back, with fond tears in the eye, We gaze to catch a glimpse again Of that dear place—but all in vain.

Preach not, stern Philosophy!
Nought we can have, and nought we see,
Will ever be so pure, so glad,
So beautiful, as what we had.

Our steps are sad—our steps are slow— Nothing is like the long ago, Gone is the keen, intense delight— The perfume faint and exquisite— The glory and the effuence That haloed the enruptured sense, When Pafth and Love were at our side, And common Life was deified.

Our shadows that we used to throw Behind us, now before us grow; For once we walked towards the sun, But now, Life's full meridian done, They change, and in their chill we move, Further away from Faith and Love.

A chill is in the air—no more Our thoughts with joyons impulse soar, But creep along the level way, Waiting the closing of the day. The future holds no wondrous prize This side Death's awful mysteries; Beyond, what waits for us who knows? New Life, or infinite repose?

—W. W. Story, in Blackwood.

HOTSPUR ON A FOP.

My liege, I did deay no prisoners; But I remember, when the fight was done, When I was dry with rage and extreme toti And acthing stronger than rain-water Within forty miles, came there a certain lord Trimly dressed, acbby, in fact, with a cuta-

Trimly dressed, nobby, in fact, with a cutaway coat.
Flashy neck-tie, and pants louder than the
Band-wagon of a circus, including the band;
He was fresh as a bridegroom—
To speak truly, he was a trifle too fresh.
His chin, which I advised him to wipe off,
Was newly redped, and sho wel like
Stubble-land at harvest-time.
He was ebented like ice-cream
At a chorch-fair—with vanilla, musk,
Roee-water, cologne, hair-oil, etcetera,
And I can not pretend what else,
Twixt his finger and his thumb he held
A pouncet-box (see Webster's Unabridged)
Which, ever and anon, he gave his nose,
And still he smiled and talked, and, as
The soldiers bore dead bodies by,
He called them untaught knaves, anmannerly,
To bring a slovenly unhandsome corpse

To bring a slovenly unhandsome corpse hetween the wind and his nobility. With many holiday and snobblish terms, Such as "Aw, weally!" "Did ou evan!" He addressed we among the restreamhed my prisoner's in her Majesty's Behalf. I then, all smarting with My wounds, being gailed to be so pestered with a seven-by-nine popinjay, Out of my grief and my impatience, I lifted him one abaft the wheel-house, And you might have heard his little Coat-tails crack as he passed Over into the next county. This bald, mjointed chat of his, my lord, Disturbed my Dutch, and I beseech you Let not his mysterious disappearance

t his mysterious disappearance between my love and your high majesty — Oil City Derrick. "AS COMPANION TO A LADY."

Here the landlady rubbed her nose

viciously upon her apron, and stared straight out of the very dirty window.

As this was evidently a challenge for me to reply, I said, as firmly as I could, a few words which brought out the reason for the woman's visit that morning.

"Am I to understand, then, that you wish me to leave?"

"If you please Miss at the end of the

"If you please, Miss, at the end of the week, for there's the gent on the first floor would like to have this bed-room."
"Very well, Mrs. Ruddock," I said;
"I will find a room elsewhere." Thanky, Miss," she said, sharply;

and giving her nose another vicious rub, she left me to my thoughts—and my

For I was weak, faint and heartsick, and the coins in my purse had dwindled down, so that if I did not succeed in obtaining an engagement in a very few days I had no resource but to creep back to the country and avow my failure.

Just three months since and we were all so happy in the little country vicarage; and then, in visiting one of his people, my poor father caught a dangerous fever, while in tending him my dear mother was stricken with the same plaint, and ere three weeks had ed Minna and I sat in the little study passed Minna and I sat in the little study alone, in deep black; for the struggle had been brief, and those we loved lay together in the green church-yard, and we were only intruders now in the little

carage that had been our home. We were nearly penniless, too, but a brother-clergyman of my father's, quite as poor, came forward and offered us a temporary home till, as he said, some opening should occur for us.

I gladly accepted it for Minna; but ir myself, I was determined to try reat London, and, unaided, battle for ayself. In two years John Murray was to come back from Australia to fetch me or his wife, and till then I would be independent. So the day came at last when, with many tears, we two girls had to separate, and with aching heart I left the old Lincolnshire home, and thed the great dreary void of Lonon early one afternoon.

was necessary of my story.

"I don't think you will suit me,"
she said; "I've had misery enough, I was not long in finding a place where I could stay, in the shape of a second-floor front room in one of those heart-aching streets near the Founding—streets that echo from morning to the street with second floor in the street street with the street with th who will be a pleasant companion. There, I'm sure there is not such a body right with mournful cries uttered by venders whose goods it is impossible to surmise, and with the dismal echoing tones of the various organs. So painful as it months, and the number of applications I have been imposed upon is dreadful! I've had six in six months, and the number of applications I have been marked to the property of were these last to me, that often of an cations I have had nearly drove me out evening, when I have returned from a of my senses. I have had one since you weary, disheartening search for an engagement, and sat alone and hungry, fearing to spend my money in any thing beyond the tea and bread and butter upon which I existed, these doleful strains tall and lady-like; and you are not pretable to me—a creature whose sole idea was herself. I want one who will make me her first consideration. I don't mind what I pay, but I want some one tall and lady-like; and you are not pretable. -cheering, maybe, to some—have had ty, you know." effect upon me that I have sat

fallen asleep, to wake, perhaps, hours after, to find it very late, and crawl shivering off to bed.

As the weeks passed on and my adshivering off to bed.

As the weeks passed on and my advertisements and fees paid to the various registry offices had been without effect, I used to crawl back to my room, growing more and more disheartened. I as always a plain, sallow-looking girl, and now in my fast-wearing black I be
shivering off to bed.

Ways talinking offecting instrict. There, you need not blush like that; it's what all the companions I have had seem to think about. You don't, I suppose!"

"I am engaged to be mar.ied." I \$250,000 to be distributed among the poor of London.

"Ho! Well, he mustn't come here, for I'm a very selfish, pragmatical old Charlotte Corday are fashionable.

gan to feel that I was day by day grow ing more shabby and weary-looking, and that my feeble chances of obtaining post were growing less and less.

I used to sit and ask myself whether l

and tried hard—and I knew I had—but was always the same. Whether I adertised for a situation as governess, or went from a registry office to offer my self as companion to a lady, it was always the same. I noticed a look of disappointment as soon as I entered the room, for I was neither pretty nor bright-looking, and my mournful black helped to sadden my aspect. It was al-ways the same—the lady did not think I should suit her, and in blank disap-

pointment I had to return. And now it had come to this-that my landlady had grown as tired of me as the people at the registry offices, where I had more than once been told rudely that I was not likely to get a as governess or companion, but had better look lower. That afternoon evidently suspicious of my ability to pay, and perhaps disgusted with my miserable way of living, and afraid I should be left an invalid upon her hands, she had-rudely, it seemed to me-re-

uested me to leave. In my present circumstances I was atterly prostrated by the news, for I dared not take lodgings elsewhere; and I could see nothing now but to sell a portion of my scanty wardrobe and go back to beg for assistance from my father's friend.

What a change! and how soon had my hopes of independent action been blighted! I was heartsore as I felt how that in that great city there was wealih being squandered and luxury around me while I was literally starving; for my poor living was telling upon me fast. What should I do? What should

It was with weary iteration I had said those words and wept till tears came no more, and a dull, stolid feeling of despair had come upon me. I had almost shrunk away in the streets from the bright-faced, happy girls I passed, and at times I found myself asking what had been my sin that I should be that been my sin that I should be thus pun-

1 lay awake that night for many hours watching the light from the street lamp playing upon my ceiling; and at last, towards morning, the remembrance of words I had often heard came to me with a sad sense of repose, trust and restfulness, and I believe I fell asleep at as I finished, I had hard work to keep last with a smile upon my lips, repeating a portion of that comforting sen-

tence ending, "Are you not much bet-ter than they?"

It was a bright, sunshiny morning when I awoke, to hear some one knocking at my door, and, hurrying on a few

things, I answered.

"Ah! I was just agoing to take 'em down aguin,' said my landlady harshly." Some folks can afford to lay in bed all day; I can't. Here's two letters for you. And mind this, Miss Laurie; I never bargained to come tramping up to the top of the house with letters and messages for you."

"I am very much obliged, Mrs. Rud-dock," I said gently, as I took the let-ters with trembling hands, while, mut-tering and complaining, their bearer went down stairs. It seemed very hard hen, but I believe it was the woman's habit, and that she was not bad at heart, but warped and cankered by poverty, hard work, and ill-usage from a drunken husband, whom she entirely kept. One letter I saw from a glance was from Minna, the other was in a strange crabbed hand; and I longed to read

"If Miss Laurie is not engaged she can call upon Mrs. Langton Porter, 47 Morton Street, Park Village South, at 11 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday)." "At last!" I said to myself joyfully, and with beating heart I prepared myself for my journey, for the appointment

if for going out, and well wrapped

"Laurie," I suggested.
"Yes, yes; I know," she said, sharp-

have you been companion to a lady be-

"No, ma'am," I replied; and then,

in answer to her questions, all very sharply given, I told her so much as

me till my eyes dropped. Miss-Miss-Miss-"

I shook my head sadly. "Humph! Well!"

Well!" she went on,

fore?

ing to rise.
"I beg yours, my dear," she said, tenderly. "Sit still, sit still. Now, "I'm very sorry, Miss, but I'm only a poor woman myself, and if you can't pay the rent of this room, I doh't see as you can afford the rent of the one miles."

was for that morning.

Just as I had pretty well timed myself for my walk a sudden squall came on, the sky was darkened and snow fell

then, try and drink that." Some sherry was held to my lips, and then I was almost forced to eat a bisheavily, and in place of a morning in spring we seemed to have gone back in-to winter, for the snow lay thickly in a very short time, and the branches of cuit. They, however, rapidly revived me, and I found Mrs. Porter had torn off her bonnet and mantle and was kneelthe trees in the squares were whitened. Weak as I was, this disheartened me,

woman under the sun."

ing by my side.
"That's better, my dear," she said, but I fought my way bravely on, and just at 11 rang timidly at the door of an important looking house, and was su-perciliously shown, by a stout tall footsmiling at me, as she passed her arm round me and drew me nearer to her way. And now this was too much, for nan in drab livery, into a handsomely was weak and hysterical. I could furnished room. Every thing in the place I noticed was rich and good; heavy curtains hung by window and door, skins and Eastern rugs lay on the polished wood floor, and a tremendous fight against harshness, but her tender words and ways unlocked the flood-gates of my grief, and I laid my head down and sobbed as if my heart would fire blazed in a great brass fire-place, and the flames danced and were reflect-

An hour later, after she had literally forced me to partake of the breakfast that was ordered up; she sat beside me, holding my hand, and more than once ed from the encaustic tiles with which i was surrounded. "I'll take your note in," said the foot-man, as I handed it. "You can sit down." I saw the tears steal down her pleasant face as she won from me, bit by bit, the story of my troubles and my bitter strug-I preferred to stand, and as soon as here in town. was alone I shivered with fear and cold, as I caught a glance of my pale, sallow

At last I rose to go, trembling and expectant. Would she engage me? It was more than I dared to hope.

"Sit still, my child," she said tender-

I expected to see the owner of the place, but I remained standing wearily for an hour, and then I sighed and turned ly. "It has pleased God to make me— a childless, widowed woman—His wistfully to look at the door, wondering whether the footman had taken in steward over much wealth, and if I did not make this a home for one of His tempest-smitten lambs I should be a worse woman than I think I am. Stay the note which I had given him as my with me; we shall be the best of friends."

I staved—staved ing entered unheard, was a rather plump tall lady in black. She was dressed as worth and to win her motherly love-stayed to find, when John Murray returned, that his love was greater for my "Oh! you are waiting" she said, harshly, and a shade of displeasure crossed her face as she looked full at sister than for me, and patiently resigned my love to ber, and then battled with a long illness when they had gone to-gether to the far-off home. But every lay gave me a new lesson on not judg-

home, though only "as companion to a lady."—Cassell's Magazine. ly; "it is in my note. Pray, why in the name of common sense did you not sit down? Take that chair. Now, then, -Friar Giovanni is a wonderful singer at Rome, blessed with a voice perfectly sweet and clear, and of vast volume and immense range. When he sings the church is crowded and the audience pays no attention to the re-ligious part of the services, so the ec-clesiastical authorities do not let it be announced when and where he is to sing. They are in fear lest he should quit the cloister for the stage, and so have made him an allowance of \$40 a

ing too hastily. That is ten years since; and I am still in my peaceful happy

Green Tomato Preserves .- 7 pounds small green tomatoes, piercing each one with a fork; 7 pounds sugar, 1 ounce ginger-root, I ounce mace, four lemons; make the sirup, allowing I cup of water to given amount of sugar; boil toma-toes in the sirup till clear; skim them out, and lay on dishes to cool before putting them in jars; boil sirup until thick, and pour over them.

Banges are too highly prized to permit them to suffer with Colic, Flatulence, etc., when Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup will at once reliev

-The late Duchess of Argyll left ery extremely doubtful.

FASHION NOTES.

woman; and if I engaged you—which I don't think I shall do—I should want you all to myself. What is he?"
"A settler—abroad," I faltered. -Checked cotton braids are used for trimming linen dresses. "Ho! That's better; and perhaps -The military jacket is one of the he'll settle there altogether without latest styles for young ladies. -Among the novelties for young I looked at her indignantly, and she girls are hats ornamented with hand

painting. -Garden-hats are of lightly-wover straw, trimmed with grasses and wild

laughed.

"Ah! I know, my good girl. I haven't lived to eight and forty for nothing. How old are you?"

"Twenty," I said, shivering, for her rough way repelled me, and I longed to bring the interview to an end.

"Why, the girl's cold," she said, roughly. "H'm, twenty! Here, go up to the fire, and have a good warm; it's dreadful weather. There! pull off your bonnet and jacket. I'ut them on that chair, and go closer to the fire; I've a deal to say to -New styles in stationery are orna-mented with grotesque old English figures in color. —A recent extravagance among fish ionable ladies in New York is the use of

gold hair-pins. -Pretty princesse dresses for the little ones are made with square neck and closer to the fire; I've a deal to say to short sleeves. you yet, for I'm not going to engage any young person and have to change directly." -Athong the absurdities for children

are the wide collars and cuffs similar to those worn by their mothers. I obeyed her, trembling the while, for I was very weak; and she went on in laces, and is used principally for well dredged with flour. Boil 1 trimming lingerie and dresses which a buttered mold or floured bag.

asking me questions and making com-

like a girl from the country

you. You play, of course?"
"Yes, ma'am."

something. Can you sing?"
"Yes, ma'am."

dreadful name? What is it?"
"Laurie, ma'am," I raplied.

I was, in singing my poor dead father's favorite ballad, "Robin Adair;" while,

and mind this, I hate to hear any drone

"Ro-bin A-dair," she sang.

back the tears.

"I don't like your appearance at all; you look pale and unhealthy. Not a bit -Young ladies wear caps like those of the Roman peasant women; oblong pieces of Swiss or organdy deco-rated with lace and ribbons, and long "I am very sorry," I said; "but, in-deed, ma'am, I have excellent health." "Then your face tells stories about

"You're warm now. Go and play set under the ruffles of French lace. "Then sing, too; and look here, Miss-Miss-Miss-"

-Japanese pins with a fan, and a mouse watching a fly, or a silver bow, I was about to tell her my name, but remembering the last rebuff I was silent. "Now look here, my good young lady, how am I to remember your of the hook enameled with some pretty design or a painting in enamel set in

weil. Now go and play and sing something, and mind, I don't want my ears deafened with fireworks, and the drums -There are so many styles now in wear that all tastes can be gratified. There is the princess dress, the cuirass split with parrot-shriek bravuras. Sing something sweet and simple and old-fashloned, if you can," she added unwaist, and the habit and polonaise. There are waists cut out in points on the borders, rounded basque waists, either graciously.
I crossed the room and sat down to open or imitating openings, with vests, or long, swallow tail coats, with long the magnificent piano, and for the next five minutes I seemed to be far away, down in the old home, as I forgot where faille vests in bright, contrasting colors.

lace set in the bibs and bretelles. Some of the mull and nainsook aprons have edges of colored lace, and bows of ribrose, in a not unpleasing voice. "Now let me hear you read. I always make my companion read to me a great deal; lace. A great many specimens are found in all the leading dry-goods finger and extract the inside entirely,

like a school-girl. Go over there into the corner of the window and stand there. Take that book; you'll find the this year; it is taking quite as promimark left in where Miss Belleville —bah! I believe her name was Stubbs and her father a green-grocer-left off. Now then, begin." very effective; silver band bracelets are She pushed a lounge-chair close up to the window and sat down with her hands in her muff, while I stood there, feeling like a school-girl and ready to the principal jewelers'; and handsome drone, as I began to read with faltering voice what happened to be Thackeray's most beautiful chapter—The death of poor old Colonel Newcombe. I know my voice trembled at times, and a

Great favor is shown this year for all the Scotch zephyr goods, or soft-finished ginghams, which resemble foulards. There is an endless variety of designs, from the plain goods in all the scotch zephyr goods in all the scotch zephyr goods, or soft-finished ginghams, which resemble foulards. There is an endless variety of designs, from the plain goods in all the scotch zephyr goods in all the scotch zephyr goods in all the scotch zephyr goods, or soft-finished ginghams, which resemble for a months, then ready for use. strange sense of choking came upon me as I went on battling, oh, so hard to read those piteous heart-stirring lines! but I was weak and suffering, I was designs, from the plain goods in all the shades of gray, beige, and ecru, and in faint with hunger and exertion, sick with that despair of hope deferred, and at last the room, with its costly furniall plain designs up to the gaily tinted Stuart tartan. The English cheviots

Ants in a Passion.

that along the bottom of the front wall of my house, on the verapda, there lay a quantity of reddish brown powder; there was enough to fill a coffee-cup. On looking closer I saw that it was made up of small and larger fragments which glistened, and on inspecting some in my must take an advance step, and enroll glistened, and on inspecting some in my hand they turned out to be the heads, legs, trunks, etc., of countless ants. A led day. A college education is not number of the animals were still on the necessary to do this. Good, practical number of the animals were still on the wall above, and my attention being now arrested I watched them, and saw that they were contributing to the carage beneath. This species of antis a small, comparatively harmless one, the chief sin of which is that it makes the same amount of milk that five cows giving the same amount of milk that five cows its many swelling. its way to every species of food and swarms on it. As is usual with ants, the general body of insects is accompanied by larger individuals, which are provided with heads and jaws quite disproportionate to their bodies, and with these jaws they do all the cutting up. ticed in so many dairy districts, and in Among the ants on the wall there was a large sprinkling of these "soldier ants," stock. He must not be content with and the whole community seemed to be bent on destroying them. The proportion of heavy-jawed to ordinary ants was about one to ten. I saw a group of little ordinary and the seemed to be to ten. I saw a group of little ordinary and the seemed to be the ordinary and the seemed to be the ordinary and the seemed to be the ordinary and the seemed to the ordinary and th in two and the parts dropped down it his dairy will be of his own raising, from the wall; but after a while the lit-I stayed—stayed to know her real the ones severed all the legs of the big of his summer earnings to pay "cow one, and finally got on his back notes," this money can be applied elseworth and to win her motherly love—one, and finally got on his back notes, "this money can be applied elseworth and to win her motherly love—one, and finally got on his back notes," this money can be applied elseworth and to win her motherly love—one, and finally got on his back notes, "this money can be applied elseworth and to win her motherly love—one, and finally got on his back notes," this money can be applied elseworth and to win her motherly love—one, and finally got on his back notes, "this money can be applied elseworth and to win her motherly love—one, and finally got on his back notes," this money can be applied elseworth and to win her motherly love—one, and finally got on his back notes, "this money can be applied elseworth and to win her motherly love—one, and finally got on his back notes," this money can be applied elseworth and the love of the first love one, and finally got on his back notes, "this money can be applied elseworth and the love one, and finally got on his back notes," the love one, and the love one, and the love one is also be applied elseworth and the love one is a love of the love one is a love of the love one is also be applied elseworth. and cut him in two. The group then dropped down to swell the mass below. better cow will not be realized. Similar scenes were enacted elsewhere on the wall. The commencement of one combat was as follows: A big ant walked along till it met another big one and
the two shook antennæ. Just then a
little one seized hold of a hind leg of one

A few years ago a field of wheat in a of these big ones. Neither took any no-tice, but continued a rapid conversation. Suddenly other small ones came up, when the big one whose leg was grabwhen the big one whose leg was grab-bed turned furiously on the little one and seized him by the middle. This could not be done until the big one had doubled himself up; as seon as he had realize, until the end of the year, how him in the air and snipped him in two. to, and were they to raise every year Meanwhile all the big one's legs had been seized by little ones, and the party seemed to turn over and over, little bits A better cultivation of the soil must process was gone through the following tumbling down, now a leg, now half an also foliow. The dry years and the ant, till the big one was vanquished. The ant is most assuredly subject to passions. The way in which the big

have been really exciting."

-George Green, a well-to-do farmer, living about 12 miles southwest of

----WHEN Emerson recklessly wrote can be supplied.

Every natural action is graceful," had

Devote a portion of the farm to raising the house been infested with them

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

Sweet Corn Baked.—Cut and scrape the corn from the cob, add about ½ cup sweet milk to 1 dozen ears, salt, pepper, lump of butter on top; bake an The top will be brown like beans.

Tomato Soup .- 3 cups of tomatoes after they are cut, I quart of bolling water; after they are well cooked add teaspoonful of sods, salt and pepper to taste, I pint of sweet milk. Let boil up; and pour over broken crackers. Sweet Pickle Tomatoes .- Slice and

stand in salt and water night and day; take out the drain carefully; 2 quarts of vinegar, 5 pounds of brown sugar, to peck of tomatoes; cinnamon, allspice, and cloves to taste; boil all together until they look clear. Blackberry Pudding .- 1 pint of swee milk, 2 well beaten eggs, a little salt, tablespoonful of solla dissolved in hot

water, 4 teaspoonful cream-tartar sifted in the flour, enough sifted flour to make —Double-meshed torchon is a novelty a stiff batter, 1 pint of blackberries a laces, and is used principally for well dredged with flour. Boil 1 hour in Preserving Corn in Cans.-Dissolve dounces of tartafic acid in d pint of little water, cut the corn from the cob and add sufficient water to cook it properly. When cooked add 2 tablespoonfuls of

when cooked and 2 tablespoonfuls of the acid solution to every quart of corn.

Can it immediately, seal securely and put it away in a cool but not damp place. When wanted for use stir half a teaspoonful of soda through 2 quarts of shape of pipings, sometimes in ribbons set under the ruffles of Franch lace. before cooking. This will remove all the acid taste and render the corn as fresh as when cooked in the summer.

arrows and quiver, are among the new-est paterns in sterling silver for long scarf-pins, and chatelaines have the top of onlons; a large dish-pan is convenient for the first process. Slice the onions and tomatoes and put in the pan in layers, alternating with salt; let them stand 3 hours, then turn all in a kettle to boil 3 hours, turn out, and when cooked enough put through a sieve. Much of the labor of this can be lessened by first squeezing the tomatoes through a coarse cloth; pound well of a pound of pepper (whole), same of allspice, 2 ounces of cloves, 1 ounce of mace, a half-box of mustard, and Pretty aprons are to be worn this curely in a cloth and put in the kettle season by little girls up to the age of with the pulps, which must cook slowly 15. Some of these are in dotted Swiss over an hour longer; when about done Valenciennes or torchon insertions and add a pint of vinegar to each gallon of

Mango Pickles .- Take small, smooth bon combining the two shades of the lace. A great many specimens are side a small square piece, insert your reserve the pieces cut out, lay the mangoes in strong brine for 3 days. Drain off the brine and freshen in clear water nent a part as white in the season's for 24 hours; lay in cold water until fashions. With this, silver jewelry is firm. Fill with this stuffing—2 handfuls of English mustard seed, mixed with 1 now worn quite wide, with little polished knobs or balls set closely on the spoonful of nutmeg and mace, powdered knobs or balls set closely on the spoonful of nutmeg and mace, powderedges. Large medallion pendants and lockets, also sterling silver, are found at the principal jewelers'; and handsome blespoonful of best salad oil to a pint of pins and ear-rings; some of these in the the mixture, I teaspoon of celery seed. shape of round platters with bee-hives on them in frosted work, others with pack thread. Pack in a deep stone jar;

them; but exercising my self-denial, I dressed, lit my fires, and prepared my very frugal breakfast before sitting down and devouring Minna's news.

What right had I to murmur as I did last night, I asked myself, when she was evidently so happy and contented? and last night, I asked myself, when she was evidently so happy and contented? and last night, I asked myself, when she was evidently so happy and contented? and last night, I asked myself, when she was evidently so happy and contented? and last night, I asked myself, when she was evidently so happy and contented? and last night, I asked myself, when she was evidently so happy and contented? and last night, I asked myself, when she was evidently so happy and contented? and last the room, with its costly furnitation at last the room, with its costly furnitation at plain designs up to the gally tinted. Stuart tartan. The English cheviots are also much employed for ladies and children's seaside dresses, being thoroughly well adapted for all changes of the weather, and much worn by Endrolled and wheeled in a chair whose castle dresses, being thoroughly well adapted for all changes of the weather, and much worn by Endrolled and wheeled in a chair whose castle dresses, being thoroughly well adapted for all changes of the weather, and much worn by Endrolled and wheeled in a chair whose castle dresses, being thoroughly well adapted for all changes of the weather, and much worn by Endrolled and wheeled in a chair whose castle dresses, being thoroughly well adapted for all changes of the weather, and much worn by Endrolled and wheeled in a chair whose castle dresses, being thoroughly well adapted for all changes of the weather, and much worn by Endrolled and wheeled in a chair whose castle dresses, being thoroughly well adapted for all changes of the taken in the dairy districts with a view to increasing the revenues, or rather, adding to the capabilities and production of the farm. The successing the revenues, or rather, adding to the capabilities and production of ist inght, I saked myself, when she was evidently so happy and contented? and then I opened with fluttering hand, the other letter, and was puzzled by it at first; but at last I recalled the fact that three weeks before I had answered an advertisement in the Times, where a ladout:

"And she just lost her poor father, to note was very brief and curt and ran as follows:

"If Miss Laurie is not engaged she can call upon Mrs. Langton Porter, 47 Morton Street, both of the other letter, and was puzzled by it at first; but at last I recalled the fact that three weeks before I had answered an advertisement in the Times, where a labout:

"And she just lost her poor father, to—to set her to read such a thing as that! I declare I'm about the wickedest, most thoughtless and unfeeling woman under the sun."

"If Miss Laurie is not engaged she can call upon Mrs. Langton Porter, 47 Morton Street, both of the first makes to this feason.

"Country hats for young girls are made of coarse straw, trimmed with a full wreath of wild flowers and wild strawberries with natural leaves and dark mosses. Another style shows the black and rough-and-ready coarse straw hat drooping over the face, with the black and rough-and-ready coarse straw hat drooping over the face, with the black and rough-and-ready coarse straw hat drooping over the face, with the black and rough-and-ready coarse straw hat drooping over the face, with the black and rough-and-ready coarse straw hat drooping over the face, with the black and rough-and-ready coarse straw hat drooping over the face, with the income he ought to have frem his dairy, to secure the in did strawberries with natural leaves and full wreath of wild flowers and wild strawberries with natural leaves and full wreath of wild flowers and wild strawberries with natural leaves and the income he ought to have frem his dairy, to secure the in did softer than his dairy, to secure the little and wheeled in a chair whose casteries to the follows and wild strawberries with natural leaves and the face than his trich feather curls over the crown. The cheese or milk, as the case might be, woman under the sun."

Then there was the refreshing odor of a vinaigrette, and the sick feeling began to pass away.

"I—I beg pardon." I faltered, trying to rise.

"I beg yours, my dear," she said,

"I beg yours, my dear," she said, abandoned and the dairy became the F. E. Coleuse, writing from Natal to Nature, says: "I noticed this morning came new demands and new inquiries. How can the revenues of the farm be

With a decrease of cows and an actual increase of the milk product, a part of hold of his small antagonist, he lifted much their flour bill actually amounts four acres of wheat, well put in, they thousand enemies of the grass crop have had a telling effect upon the old pas- greatly diminished, and on the fourth tures and meadows. The one is becomant turned on the little one was singularly indicative of rage. The determinated manner in which he laid hold of the little one was quite human. If I had the cow. On an average, five acres are suspect that the remaining ants had behad a magnifying glass, the scene would required to summer a cow, whereas two come suspicious of the sweet cake. He acres could be made to answer even accordingly distributed through the better. The meadow is becoming bound" out, and the crop of the dadliving about 12 miles southwest of Zanesville, O., went with his little is—to turn these unproductive spots several days, when, in like manner with daughter, 10 years of age, to pick cherries, a short distance from his house, when a storm came up. Suddenly a flash of lightning struck the tree, instantly killing his child, and so seriously injuring him as to render his recovery every every days and stocking down will require most of the same thing over.

Several days, when, in like manner with the cake, the ants ceased to visit the bacon. Pieces of cheese were next tried with the same result, but with an underty of stable manure, but for grass ly injuring him as to render his recovery.

he ever seen an angry woman throw a ing young cattle, sheep, hogs—some- has the house been infested with them stone at a cow?

while you are sleeping. A few fat heifers not required for the dairy are al-ways a tempting bait for the local butcher, and the swine that can be raised and fattened with a well managed dairy, is

that much clear gain.

These additional aids to the revenues of the farm might be pointed out to a still greater extent, but the drift of our ubject can be readily comprehended. We want more "strings to the bow," and then if one breaks or gets weak, we are not at the mercy of the enemy With a decrease in the number of cows the same amount of milk can be secured the drafts made upon the revenue from the dairy, for grain, can be avoided, the flour bill can be abolished, the fertility of the soil can be increased; the sale of young stock can be added to the credits of the farm, "cow debts" made a thing of the past, and at the end of the year, the farm will be found to have yielded the old revenues of flush times and high reliable to the same high reliable to the content of the same high reliable to the credits of the same high reliable to the credits of the same high reliable to the same high reliable to the credits of the same high reliable to the same high re and high prices. If we can produce a thing we are act compelled to buy it and pay for it. This is an axiom that should become a motto with all farmers, whatever their specialty has been. It is often said that there is no evil without good resulting, and if the hard times and low prices compel men to farm better, economize more and manage better, they may be "blessings in disguise."-

ractical Farmer. Good Tools Good tools are half the battle in farm ing, some one has said, and it is indeed true. It is a great deal easier to wor with good tools than with poor ones. I have tried both and am decidedly in favor of the former. Good tools are far cheaper in the end than poor ones It is true poor ones usually cost less to begin with, but the purchaser can not do as much work with them as with good ones, and then, again, there are nany more repairs to be made, so that at last they are the more expensive. For instance, a farmer wants a set of cart-wheels; his neighbor has two sets which he must sell, therefore he offers then cheap; one set is nearly as good as new, while the other has been run many years, and are, of course, weak in some places. He don't know which to buy but finally concludes to take the old ones, as they are a few dollars cheaper and he thinks they will do his business as well as the others. So he takes them home and goes to work with them; they do very well for a lew days, but finally he gets on too heave a load, drives over a little stone, and whoa! his wheels are broken down. Now, he is in a bad fix; his team must ite still a day or two. his work must be neglected; perhaps it is planting time; or he has a lot of hay out; and he must go off right in a rush of work and get another set of wheels or have these repaired up, costing all told double what it would to have taken the best at first. So it is with wagons, plows, mowing machines, horse-rakes, and, indeed, all other tools which a farmer uses. It is my opinion, and that of many other farmers, that "the best is the cheapest." Therefore, when you want any tools, first find where you can

spoonful of ground mustard, and I tablespoonful of best salad oil to 4 pint of the mixture, I teaspoon of celery seed Put in the reserve piece and tie with pack thread. Pack in a deep stone jar; pour over scalding vinegar. Repeat this three times more every third day. Tie up, set away in a cool, dry place, for 4 months, then ready for use.

FARM TOPICS.

Thoughts for Dairymen.

It is very evident to the most casual observer that "new departures" must be taken in the dairy districts with a view to increasing the revenues, or and to protect them from rust .- New England Farmer.

Gossip About the Dead Queen.

The superstitious recall that, as Mercedes entered the Church of the Atocha on her marriage-day the bearer of her train stumbled, a bad omen; also, that at the bull-fight next day a veteran torero, many years ago a great favorite at Madrid, opened the amusement by turning to the Royal box and exclaiming to the Royal box and exciaim-ing to the Queen, "May your Majesty live 100 years!" Next moment he was tossed by the bull. The Queen died at daybreak in the arms of her husband and in the presence of her parents, the Infanta Christine, and the Ministers. Cardinal Mareno administered the last rites to the dying woman, who preserved her clearness and serenity of mind "Does your Majesty regret leaving this life?" he asked. "Yes," she replied, "I do, but it is for Alfonso and my parents' sakes." Alfonso telegraphed to his mother the death of his wife in these terms: "My beloved Mercedes is in Heaven. Pray for her;" an inconsistent but earnest dispatch. At the time of the wedding, five months before, the ex-Queen Isabella prayed, on dit, at the evil might follow the Montpensier family. The Pope sent King Alfonso an autograph letter of condolence, and Queen Victoria telegraphed him as folows: "Dear Brother, my heart bleeds for you. What an awful misfortune it has pleased God to send you! May He give you strength to bear this terrible The Queen's remains rest temporarily beside those of the Bourbon Princes in the vaults of the Escurial. On the day of the funeral, throughout all Madrid, almost all the shops were partially closed. The people generally wore mourning, and business was en-tirely suspended. More than 50,000 persons visited the chapel where the remains lay. .

The Sagacity of Ants.

Prof. Leidy, in a recent article, states that, in order to ascertain whether a house he had just entered was (as he suspected) seriously infested with red ants, he placed a piece of sweet cake in every room. At noon every piece was found covered with ans. A cup of tur-pentine oil being provided, each piece was picked up with forceps, and the ants tapped into the oil. The cake was replaced, and in the evening was again two days, morning, noon and night. The third day the number of ants had there were none. He at first supposed house pieces of bacon, which were after-wards found swarming with ants. This simply plowing and stocking down will tractive, dead grasshoppers were supshow surprising results, even without manure, but better, of course, if manure proved too much for the ants, but after

-They have a cheerful custom in some of the English hospitals. When a patient is given over, the officials bring out a big folding-screen with which they isolate his bed from the rest of the ward. The effect must be re markably inspiring, both upon the pa tient himself and upon the other occu pants of the ward. - Kxchange.

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